

Did you know?

- The average American throws out over 4.5 pounds of trash each day, amounting to about 3 tons each year for a family of four— the weight of 3 subcompact cars!
- Each year Americans throw away 25 billion styrofoam cups! Even 500 years from now, the foam cup you use today will be sitting in a landfill.
- By recycling one ton of paper we save 17 trees, 6,953 gallons of water, 463 gallons of oil, 587 pounds of air pollution, 3.06 cubic yards of landfill space, and 4,077 Kilowatt hours of energy. WOW!



• Americans go through 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour. Plastic soft drink bottles can be recycled into fleece outerwear, bedding products, office products, durable carpets and much more. It takes 10 bottles to make a new sweater and 5 bottles to make enough fiberfill to stuff a ski jacket.

ECO-FRIENDLYTIP

- Look for ways to recycle paper, cans and plastic bottles at your home, school, and work!
- Say NO to Styrofoam!

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